Focused Student Intervention (\$305,565). I would ban earmarks as we know them, but as long as these earmarks are available, I'm going to apply for them in an effort to pursue federal funding opportunities for my district. For non-defense projects in the current earmarking system, I work closely with local governments, civic organizations, non-profits and business development authorities to identify and prioritize projects important to local communities in Georgia's Eighth Congressional District (and sometimes elsewhere). I only request funds for projects authorized by law for federal funding and do not do so for private parties or entities. This project will implement a student intervention program at Dublin Middle School that will offer students who are not performing as well academically the opportunity to focus on core academic areas, especially reading. This project is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because it will help build student academic confidence and ultimately lower dropout rates. Beneficiary: Dublin City Schools, 207 Shamrock Drive, Dublin, GA 31021.